St. Thomas Aquinas

Feast Day, January 28
The Patron Saint of Catholic schools, students, philosophers, and

St. Thom as Aquin as was born around 1225 in Roccasecca, Italy, into a nob ie and devout fam ily. From a young age, he showed great intelligence and a deep

Educated by the Benedictine monks at Monte Cassino, his love for learning and contemplation flourished.
Although his family wanted him to pursue a world ly or high Church position, Thomas felt called to

His family strongly opposed his decision and even held him captive for over a year, but Thom as rem ain ed fa ithful to his vocation. After his release, he studied in Paris and Colog ne under St. Albert the Great, who recognized his genius and holines s. Because of his quiet nature, he was nicknamed “the Dumb Ox,” b ut St. Albert famous ly said,

Thom as became one of the Church's greatest teachers. His writings, especial ly the Summ a Theolog ica and Summ a Contra Gentiles, united faith and reason, showing

Deeply devoted to the Eucharist, St. Thomas wrote many of the hymns still sung during Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration, including 0 Salutaris Hostia, Tantum Ergo, and Pange Lingua. These his profound love and reverence for the Real o , Presence Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

He died in 1274 on his way to the Council of Lyons, leaving behind an enduring legacy of wisdom and holiness. Canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323 and decl ared a Doctor of the Church in 1567, St. Thomas Aquinas, known as the Angelic Doctor, remains a model

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